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## Personal Narrative Final Draft Expectations and Guidelines

Over the next few nights, you will be finishing up the final draft of your personal narrative. Remember, we have spent a long time working on this project, so make sure the final product is as close to perfect as you can make it! ***I provided you with substantial feedback on your narrative drafts, so you should be thinking about how to make those changes, not just making simple fixes.***

**Your personal narrative should meet the following expectations:**

- You must TYPE the draft. You should also ...
  - Double space it
  - Include a **heading** with **name, date, and class period** in the upper-right corner of the page
  - Use Times New Roman, Cambria, Calibri, or Arial fonts (nothing else!) – **size 12 only!**
    - **Your title can be whatever font you choose as long as it is readable.**
  - Print it on white paper or share it with me on GoogleDrive. Please use my [joe.green@latinpcs.org](mailto:joe.green@latinpcs.org) email. If you can print it at home, please do – it will help me out a lot!
- Turn in the final draft along with your previous rehearsals and flash drafts
- Choose an interesting title – not just “Personal Narrative for English” or “The Day I Got My Dog”
- Begin your personal narrative with an engaging lead
- **Elaborate** on the most important events; “zoom in” and describe these events with specific, descriptive details, background information, dialogue, inner monologue, etc.
- Tell your story clearly and in a way that is interesting to the reader, avoiding simply telling us each event what happened – *show, don’t tell!*
- Indicate why this event (or these events) is (are) important to you
- Close your story with a conclusion that wraps up the story well and reinforces the significance of the events in your life
- Include proper punctuation when using dialogue in your story
- Be sure to include proper spelling, grammar, and mechanics

### Rubric for Personal Narrative

	Excellent	Very Good	Below Average	Needs Improvement
You included a <b>title</b> that will draw the reader to your story.	2	1.5	1	0
Your narrative began with an <b>engaging lead</b> .	4	3	2.5	2 (or lower)
You elaborated, or “ <b>zoomed in</b> ”, with <b>descriptive details</b> where appropriate – “ <b>showing</b> ” instead of “ <b>telling</b> .”	12	10	8	5 (or lower)
You wrote your story <b>clearly</b> and in an <b>interesting</b> way.	8	7	6	5 (or lower)
The reader can understand <b>why these events are important</b> to you.	8	7	6	5 (or lower)
Your conclusion <b>wraps up the story well</b> and reinforces the significance of these events	3	2.5	2	1 (or lower)
You used <b>proper grammar</b> , spelling, and mechanics throughout the story	8	7	6	5 (or lower)

**Any points lost? (Lateness, missing flash drafts/rehearsals, not typed, etc.)**

Yes, \_\_\_\_\_ points because \_\_\_\_\_

**Total: \_\_\_\_\_/ 45 points**